

Guided Discussion - Honor Courage Commitment (Ballard USN)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	<u>REMARKS/NOTES</u>
	<p>Good morning my name is _____ today we will be talking about the Navy and Marine Corps core values.</p> <p>The ground rules for this discussion are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) No personal attacks on anyone's opinions(2) Allow each participant to express themselves(3) Drinking coffee and soda is allowed(4) Make head calls at your leisure, just don't interrupt the group(5) Keep your language clean as not to offend others(6) PARTICIPATION BY ALL!!!!!! <p>Gain Attention</p> <p>Medal of Honor Citation for Hospital Corpsman Second Class Donald E. Ballard, U.S. Navy, Company M, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, 3d Marine Division. Place and date: Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam, 16 May 1968.</p> <p>Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty while serving as a HC2c. with Company M, in connection with operations against enemy aggressor forces. During the afternoon hours, Company M was moving to join the remainder of the 3d Battalion in Quang Tri Province. After treating and evacuating 2 heat casualties, HC2c. Ballard was returning to his platoon from the evacuation landing zone when the company was ambushed by a North Vietnamese Army unit employing automatic weapons and mortars, and sustained numerous casualties. Observing a wounded Marine, HC2c. Ballard unhesitatingly moved across the fire swept terrain to the injured man and swiftly rendered medical assistance to his comrade. HC2c. Ballard then directed 4 Marines to carry the casualty to a position of relative safety. As the 4 men prepared to move the wounded Marine, an enemy soldier suddenly left his concealed position and, after hurling a hand grenade which landed near the casualty, commenced firing upon the small group of men. Instantly shouting a warning to the Marines, HC2c. Ballard fearlessly threw himself upon the lethal explosive device to protect his comrades from the deadly blast. When the grenade failed to detonate, he calmly arose from his dangerous position and resolutely continued his determined efforts in treating other Marine casualties. HC2c. Ballard's heroic actions and selfless concern for the welfare of his companions served to inspire all who observed him and prevented possible injury or death to his fellow Marines. His courage, daring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of extreme personal danger, sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.</p> <p><u>Medal of Honor Citation for HC2c Donald E. Ballard</u></p>	

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	<p>Key points for this discussion will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Definition of honor (2) Definition of courage (3) Definition of commitment <p>Learning Objective: After this guided discussion, you will have a better understanding of the Navy and Marine Corps core values of honor, courage, and commitment and how HC2c Ballard's heroic actions embodied our core values.</p>	
<u>TIME</u>	<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p> <p><u>KEY POINT 1</u></p> <p>1. What does the word "honor" mean to you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions - USMC: The bedrock of our character. The quality that guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; never to lie, cheat, or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; to have respect and concern for each other. The quality of maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commits Marines to act responsibly; to be accountable for actions; to fulfill obligations; and to hold others accountable for their actions. - USN: Conduct ourselves in the highest ethical manner in all relationships with peers, superiors and subordinates; Be honest and truthful in our dealings with each other, and with those outside the Navy; Be willing to make honest recommendations and accept those of junior personnel; Encourage new ideas and deliver the bad news, even when it is unpopular; Abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, taking responsibility for our actions and keeping our word; Fulfill or exceed our legal and ethical responsibilities in our public and personal lives twenty-four hours a day. Illegal or improper behavior or even the appearance of such behavior will not be tolerated. We are accountable for our professional and personal behavior. We will be mindful of the privilege to serve our fellow Americans. <p>2. What does the following quote mean to you? "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quote from the Bible, John 15:13 (New International Version) <p>Interim Summary: We just defined honor as...</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<u>REMARKS/NOTES</u>

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	Now let's talk about courage.	
<u>TIME</u>	<p><u>KEY POINT 2</u></p> <p>1. What does "courage" mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc., without fear; bravery. - USMC: The heart of our core values, courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines to carry them through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear; to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; to lead by example, and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure. It is the inner strength that enables a Marine to take that extra step. - USN: Courage to meet the demands of our profession and the mission when it is hazardous, demanding, or otherwise difficult; Make decisions in the best interest of the Navy and the nation, without regard to personal consequences; Meet these challenges while adhering to a higher standard of personal conduct and decency; Be loyal to our nation, ensuring the resources entrusted to us are used in an honest, careful, and efficient way. Courage is the value that gives us the moral and mental strength to do what is right, even in the face of personal or professional adversity. <p>2. Do you think that there are different types of courage? Which type of courage do you think HC2c Ballard displayed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical courage is courage in the face of physical pain, hardship, death, or threat of death. - Moral courage is the ability to act rightly in the face of popular opposition, shame, scandal, or discouragement. <p>Interim Summary: We just defined courage as...</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>and how HC2c Ballard displayed courage. Now let's talk about what commitment means.</p>	<u>REMARKS/NOTES</u>

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>KEY POINT 3</u>	<u>REMARKS/NOTES</u>
	<p>1. What does the word “commitment” mean to you?</p> <p>- A pledge or promise; obligation</p> <p>- USMC: The spirit of determination and dedication within members of a force of arms that leads to professionalism and mastery of the art of war. It leads to the highest order of discipline for unit and self; it is the ingredient that enables 24-hour-a-day dedication to Corps and Country; pride; concern for others; and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor. Commitment is the value that establishes the Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate.</p> <p>- USN: Demand respect up and down the chain of command; Care for the safety, professional, personal and spiritual well-being of our people; Show respect toward all people without regard to race, religion, or gender; Treat each individual with human dignity; Be committed to positive change and constant improvement; Exhibit the highest degree of moral character, technical excellence, quality and competence in what we have been trained to do. The day-to-day duty of every Navy man and woman is to work together as a team to improve the quality of our work, our people and ourselves.</p> <p>2. Who thinks HC2c Ballard displayed commitment? What makes you think he was committed?</p>	
<u>TIME</u>	<u>SUMMARY/CONCLUSION</u>	<u>REMARKS/NOTES</u>
	<p>Today we have defined the Marine Corps and Navy core values of honor, courage, and commitment and discussed how HC2c Ballard’s heroic actions embodied those core values. I am confident that you now have a better understanding of what honor, courage, and commitment mean.</p> <p>Closing Statement: As in our past, we are dedicated to the core values of honor, courage, and commitment to build the foundation of trust and leadership upon which our strength is based and victory is achieved. These principles on which the Navy and the Marine Corps were founded continue to guide us today. Every member of the Naval Service – active, reserve, and civilian, must understand and live by our Core Values. For more than two hundred years, members of the Naval Service have stood ready to protect our nation and our freedom. We are ready today to carry out any mission, deter conflict around the globe, and if called upon to fight, be victorious. We will be faithful to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment as our abiding duty and privilege.</p> <p><u>END OF DISCUSSION</u></p>	

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	<u>RESOURCES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MCI 0037 Leading Marines- MCWP 6-11 Leading Marines- Department of the Navy Core Values Charter	
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